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LINING IT UP - From left Roman and Memphis Enns look on as Jason Enns attempts a putt during the Westglen School golf tournament at the Didsbury Golf Course on Sept. 15.

Animal shelter close to opening

BY CRAIG LINDSAY
 MVP Staff

Didsbury could be going to the dogs very soon.

The Wild Rose Humane Society is looking at opening an animal shelter in the town in four to five weeks if all goes well.

Dean Orlando, president of the society, spoke to council on Tuesday and outlined the group's plans. He said the group has found property in Didsbury and is just looking at financing before going ahead.

"We're pretty excited," Orlando told the Review. "We'll be making an offer and moving forward looking into a mortgage."

The Wild Rose Humane Society was incorporated in 2008 and has operated an office in Didsbury and performed some limited functions but this would be their first full-time animal shelter.

"We think Didsbury is a great central location to service the needs for an animal shelter in Didsbury, Sundre, Olds, Innisfail and Airdrie," said Orlando. "We're excited. We think there is a real need in this corridor to have an animal shelter. We also think it will also bring economic development in terms of jobs long-term."

Orlando said the shelter would also bring families into Didsbury where they will likely use local businesses like restaurants and shops when they adopt an animal.

The shelter will provide services for adoption and fostering, as well as shelter for lost animals. "If they are injured we'd certainly work with the local vet clinics in Didsbury as well as Olds and Airdrie as well to make sure they're looked after," said Orlando.

At the council meeting, Orlando explained the shelter's plan and asked if council would consider one of two options: giving the group a \$50,000 low interest loan payable over 10 years, or have the town take over the mortgage of the building, which would be roughly \$180,000.

Mayor Rick Mousseau told the Review he enjoyed the presentation regarding the animal shelter and thinks it's a good idea for the town.

"I think if we get the right information we would probably support it," said Mousseau.

"There isn't one around in the area. There is a need for it. It would be good for the town and the surrounding area as well."

Council carried a motion to direct administration to look into working with the Wild Rose Humane Society for the development of a building in Didsbury.

Christopher Atchison, manager of legislative and development services for Didsbury, said that town administration will be looking further into the issue and expects council will have the information back at one of the next regular council meetings.



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SIDEWALK ART - Laura Tanner shows off her chalk art in front of the Review office. The chalk art was part of the Mountain View Arts Festival and saw businesses sponsor local chalk artists. "Everyone was really pleased with the turnout," said Tanner. "We're all looking forward to doing it again next year."

Disagreement over headstone placement

BY CRAIG LINDSAY
MVP Staff

A Calgary woman is looking into legal action against the Town of Didsbury after alleging that the town has misplaced her grandmother's headstone.

Kim Rolfe told the *Review* that her grandmother, Fern Graden, was buried in Didsbury Cemetery in February of 2012 in plot H22.

"They (the town) said she was buried in another part of the cemetery (H13)," said Rolfe. "We said, 'no, we buried her here.'"

Graden lived in Carstairs but was buried in Didsbury along with several other family members.

"We buried her in one plot," said Rolfe. "We went back three months later and placed the headstone and it sat there for almost three years. We went back there for a visit and there was another headstone there. My grandmother's headstone was moved."

Rolfe said the family brought the issue up with the Town of Didsbury and she alleges that the town told them the grandmother was buried in a different spot and that the family is wrong.

"The day of her funeral we put a flowerpot into the ground," she said. "The pot was still there."

Staff from the Town of Didsbury told the *Review* that they have extensive records showing that Graden is buried in the proper spot.

"They are adamant that their grandmother was buried in the wrong spot

— she wasn't," said Greg Skotheim, manager of public works for the town. "We moved the gravestone back (after it was switched by the family). This has been an ongoing issue for a few years now."

Skotheim said it's very clear to the town that Graden is buried where she should be. He said there would have to be a lot of mistakes made for someone to be buried in the wrong spot.

"There haven't been any mistakes made," he said. "We've got all the paperwork and we think everything's been done right."

Rolfe said the family is hoping to exhume their grandfather's ashes to place near Graden.

"The town said that would be fine but we don't want to move anything if we don't know where to put the ashes," said Rolfe. "We have pictures of where she is buried and they still tell us we're wrong. We've been in meeting after meeting with the town and it just turns into a 'gong show.' It gets to the point where I just walk out of there in tears."

Rolfe said her family has consulted with lawyers but would prefer to settle the situation without going to court.

"It's getting ridiculous," she said. "We have family coming in from out of town that are wondering where to put flowers. I'm to the point where I say put the flowers where they're supposed to be even though it's the wrong headstone. I know where I buried my grandma. I can tell you where I was standing (when she was buried)."

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BIG SMILES - Tyne Alliban of Carstairs waits outside the arena during the Northern Trails Riding Club 2016 show at the Didsbury Agricultural Society grounds recently.

Councillor raises road concerns over heavy truck usage

BY CRAIG LINDSAY
MVP Staff

As hundreds of thousands of tonnes of contaminated soil is being trucked into the Didsbury landfill, at least one Town of Didsbury councillor is questioning whether it will damage a town road and who should pay for it.

Coun. Joyce McCoy gave a notice of motion last Tuesday, which was carried by council, to direct administration to bring back information regarding the effect on 23rd Street west to the landfill from trucks bringing in 120,000 tonnes of hydrocarbon contaminated soil and to ensure that Didsbury's interests are maintained.

The soil is being brought in by the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission (MVRWMC) from Ridgeline Canada to be used as cover material for the landfill. Large trucks bring the soil to the landfill and the transportation route goes down 23rd Street, which is owned by the Town of Didsbury, and onto Rge. Rd. 20.

McCoy is concerned that the amount of heavy traffic will be detrimental to the roadway and asked administration to look into possible solutions.

"Basically, 120,000 tonnes or however much it ends up being will destroy that piece of road from 582 to the train tracks, which is a town road," said McCoy. "My thoughts are the town should consider putting a permanent partial road ban on RR20, to facilitate permits that would generate revenue to rebuild the road when Ridgeline is done."

She added that with an 85 per cent road ban in place, Ridgeline wouldn't be able to drive the road until they have a permit, which would include a charge per tonne.

"The monies raised from the permits would go into a reserve for the rebuilding of the road," she said.

McCoy would also like to see assurances that the contaminated soil is properly covered and not blowing around when it is being transported on the Didsbury portion of the road.

"It was suggested that there should

also be an agreement that (Ridgeline) will be responsible for any debris left on the road or in ditches by their truck," she said.

Coun. Sheila Schulz sits on the Mountain View waste commission as the Town of Didsbury's representative and said that McCoy made some interesting points regarding the contaminated soil.

"Joyce brought up some great questions that hadn't occurred to me," said Schulz. "Some of the questions she asked I had the answers to and I was comfortable with. I didn't think there were serious concerns when it was presented to me by Ridgeline and by our (MVRWMC) CAO (Pat Sliworsky). In my opinion, Pat Sliworsky knows what he is doing with landfill."

Sliworsky told the Review that MVRWMC gets paid to take the hydrocarbon contaminated waste and uses it for "daily or intermediate cover."

"They (Ridgeline) started towards the end of last month and plan on hauling the next two to three months depending on what Mother Nature decides," said Sliworsky.

MVRWMC has been accepting hydrocarbon contaminated soil for the past three years but this is the largest amount they have ever received.

Sliworsky said that the hydrocarbon contaminated soil is acceptable at the Didsbury landfill because the landfill is a class 2B site.

"We are able to use this type of material if it matches the requirements (government regulations) to be used for daily or intermediate cover, and that's the type of material we're getting in," he said.

Sliworsky said he had talked to town administration and was told they weren't interested in a road use agreement.

"I did my due diligence by contacting them and letting them know what was coming in," he said, adding that the administration had no issues with the road use. "I asked them if there was any road use agreement we needed to take care of and was told that at that time from their administration office, no, there wasn't."

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Curlers pleased with new lease deal

BY CRAIG LINDSAY
MVP Staff

After getting a favourable curling rink lease with the town, the Didsbury Curling Club is back as strong as ever.

At the July 26 regular council meeting, council approved a rate-hold of \$4,500 per month for three years rather than a two per cent increase per year.

With escalating costs to operate, which meant escalating costs to members, the curling club was struggling. A renegotiation of the previous lease in 2014 gave the club a second chance. However, that five-year lease was set to expire in 2016 and the club was looking at the possibility of more struggles without a good lease.

Dave Fife, president of the curling club, said the new lease deal ensures the club will have several more strong years.

"We renegotiated the deal because the club was in the hole," he said. "The town in 2014 restructured the lease. We couldn't manage the lease cost. The biggest issue is the lease was so high that we had to increase the cost to the curlers."

Fife said membership in the curling club was becoming quite expensive and that meant a decline in numbers.

"We went and renegotiated the lease

"The curling club has always been the group that has overseen that facility over the winter months. It was very important to council and the Town of Didsbury that they were able to go back in this fall and have another three years of great curling."

NICOLE AASEN

Town of Didsbury manager of community services

down," he said. "The town gave us a break because it would've meant that the curling club would've folded."

Nicole Aasen, Town of Didsbury manager of community services, said the deal with the curling club made sense for the town.

"In 2014 the curling club was feeling some financial struggles and they wanted to see if they could approach the town and renegotiate the final two years on the lease," she said. "The deal meant they could take those final two years to really focus on getting the club increasing their membership and doing new fundraising activities and save some money on rent to help support the club operate into the future."

Fife said the town came to the club with a new lease agreement when the previous lease was set to expire in 2016.

The new three-year lease proposed by the town was an escalating lease for three years.

"We negotiated to have a three-year fixed lease," he said. "They were great to deal with. They were very interested in keeping the club alive and building the club again."

The savings to the club as a result of the rate change is \$3,054 over three years. The town is expected to recoup the money through off-season rentals of the rink and reduced energy costs.

Fife said the curling club is going strong now with almost 140 adult members and 50 juniors. Fife said the club is very important to the community.

"The curling club has been around at least since the 1970s," he said. "Before that it was a different club. It really brings people together. It's a great social

event and good exercise for people."

The club has men's league, mixed leagues, stick curling as well as youth curling. In addition to the leagues, there are several bonspiels throughout the season. The local schools also use the rink for curling as part of their curriculum.

"We have teams that have had the same people playing together for years," said Fife. "It's a night to get together and come out and get some exercise."

Aasen said that having a favourable lease in place with the curling club is a win-win situation.

"The Town of Didsbury has a curling facility that is viable and vibrant and obviously we want to see people using it," she said. "The curling club has always been the group that has overseen that facility over the winter months. It was very important to council and the Town of Didsbury that they were able to go back in this fall and have another three years of great curling."

The lease with the town goes from Oct. 15, 2016 until March 15, 2019.

Registration night for the club is Oct. 6 at the curling rink. There was also a booth at Showcase Didsbury on Sept. 15. Curling starts the first week of November and generally goes through until March.

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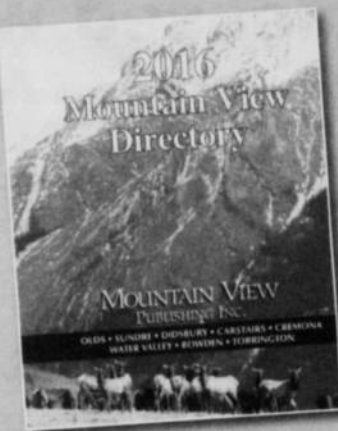
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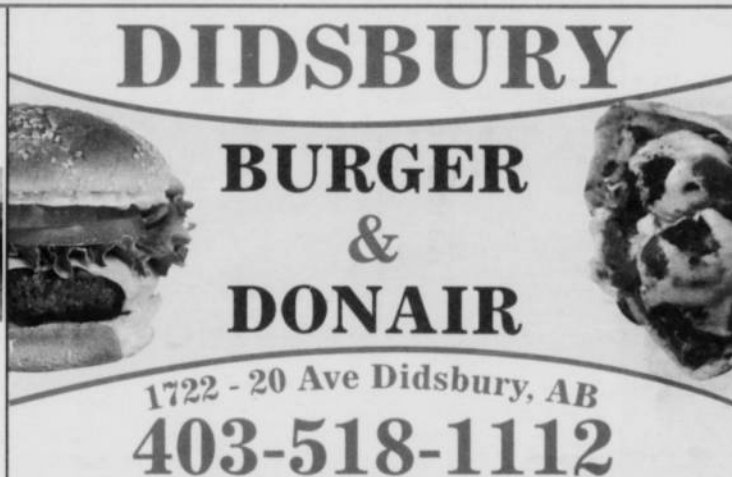
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A local restaurant is mixing it up and offering a diverse and tasty selection of lunch and dinner items. Didsbury Burger and Donair, which opened in June, already had great burgers and donairs but are now offering fried chicken, shish kebabs, platters, paninis and more.

Co-owner Anna Saeed said the restaurant has been busy since opening. "We've had lots of repeat customers," she said. "We've had some new customers as well."

Anna and husband Kamran started up Didsbury Burger and Donair after seeing a need for a restaurant in the area.

"We were working at Fas Gas and saw this place was available," she said. "We knew there weren't many restaurants around here. We also knew that people love donairs. So it was a natural fit."

Didsbury Burger and Donair serves up their popular donairs with either chicken or beef, wrapped in pita bread and garnished with fresh tomato, onion, and tzatziki sauce.

"All the sauces are made fresh here," said Saeed. "Everything is very fresh. There are not a lot of preservatives or MSG or anything like that."

The fried chicken has only been on the menu for a couple of weeks but is already quite popular.

"People who get it are coming back again and again asking for it," said employee Khawer Nazir.

The restaurant is also offering rice platters, which consist of chicken or beef and the veggies over rice. "Basically you can get the donair in platter form with rice (instead of pita bread) or in a pita as a traditional wrap," said Saeed. "It's really easy to eat; no mess. Same great taste with both."

The shish kebabs are another tasty treat with beef or chicken on top of rice with salad and either hummus or garlic sauce. "It's a nice big platter," said Saeed.

Another new item on the menu is the panini, which features your choice of chicken or beef with cheese and veggies on a grilled bun.

Didsbury Burger and Donair continues to offer reasonable prices for all their menu items with most items coming in under \$10.

"Our motto is that any person should at least be able to eat a full deal for \$10 if not less," said Saeed. "Most of our burgers come with fries and pop. Our donairs come with pop. It's a complete meal."

The restaurant is now offering delivery options at a reasonable price within Didsbury. They also encourage customers to call in advance to 403-518-1112 to order for the busy lunch-time or any

time to ensure their tasty meal is ready by the time they get there. Of course people can certainly still order at the restaurant.

Didsbury Burger and Donair are proud members of the community and do everything they can to support the town.

"We are a proud sponsor of Essentials for Community, which is a program that helps out families in need," said Saeed. **"We are also involved with activities around town such as the junior golf tournament in September."**

Saeed said it's important for their customers to know the restaurant is very clean and inviting.

"Some old customers have had concerns about the cleanliness of the place," said Saeed. "This is because of the reputation of the previous business. We are a new business and we spent over 200 hours cleaning and bringing it up to standards of Alberta Health Services."

Saeed said she and her husband are going to continue to make changes and improvements to the business as time goes on.

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From left, Didsbury Radio-Controlled Fun Flyers member Grant Hemming speaks with Jerry Phillips and Don MacMillan.



Mackenzie Smart signs her name on a Town of Didsbury banner during Showcase Didsbury at the Didsbury Curling Club on Sept. 15.

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Compromises will be needed: Kenney

BY DOUG COLLIE
MVP Staff

During a visit to Olds, Progressive Conservative leadership candidate Jason Kenney said he's confident the PCs and Wildrose Party – along with people from other parties – can unite to form one big party to oppose the governing NDP.

But he said in order to do that, people who have strong views within that coalition will have to be willing to compromise.

Kenney spoke during the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills Progressive Conservative annual general meeting Sept. 16 in the Olds Legion Hall.

"I think we unite them the same way we united the national Conservative party – bringing together reformers, Progressive Conservatives," Kenney said during an interview with the *Albertan*.

"In 2003, across 10 provinces, two languages, a lot more people and a lot more resentment in history, yet we managed to put it together. We buried the hatchet, we chose to look forward.

"And I think we can do exactly the same thing here. It requires everybody to be willing to put a little bit of water in their wine and be respectful of other views.

"You can't have a successful coalition unless the people within it are – let me rephrase this positively – the way to have a successful coalition is the rule is this: everybody has their say, but they don't necessarily get their way.

"So it does require people with a temperament where they're prepared to give and take a little bit to focus on what unites them."

Kenney said the PCs and Wildrose Party members have more that unites them than divides them.

"In the legislature, the two parties – the PC and Wildrose caucuses – are voting identically 86 per cent of the time. The other 14 per cent are not consequential differences," he said.

"I don't think it's worth risking a second NDP term and the catastrophic damage that would pose to our economy to squabble over 14 per cent of inconsequential issues."

Kenney noted a huge swath of PC and Wildrose Party members – along with others – have already proven they can vote together as a bloc.

"Alberta Progressive Conservatives and Wildrosers worked together in federal Conservative campaigns and voted together to elect federal Conservative MPs," he said.

"In the last provincial election – May of 2015 – Wildrose won 360,000 votes, PCs won 410,000 votes. Five months later, the federal Conservative Party won 1.2 million votes, three times more. That's Wildrose, plus PC, plus more.

"It's the fact that we did it federally that makes me confident that we can do it provincially. I believe the unity is inevitable. It's a question of when, not if.

"So I say let's darn well make the 'when' before the next provincial election, before we risk a vote split allowing the NDP to get a second term.

"Look, the Wildrose Party did not land here from Mars, right? These are Albertans who helped the PCs stay in office for four decades," he said.

Kenney outlined a five-point plan to create the new party in time for the 2019 provincial election.

First, the PC party would elect a "pro-unity" leader. Secondly, that leader would launch discussions with Wildrose Party officials and others to create a conservative coalition.

Thirdly, members of both parties would vote on that proposed new entity "to give it democratic legitimacy."

Organizers would then spend the latter half of 2017 setting up the new party.

Lastly, the new party would elect its new leader at the beginning of 2018.

"The members have to be involved from the begin-



Bruce Rowe, left, speaks with Jason Kenney at the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills PC party annual general meeting at the Olds Legion on Sept. 16.

ning to give the green light," Kenney said. "We have to avoid the cynicism of the floor-crossings that occurred 18 months ago."

Wildrose Party Leader Brian Jean previously indicated a desire to "unite the right" from his party's side with himself as leader.

Kenney said he doesn't see that as a problem.

"He's on the dance floor wearing his dancing shoes, waiting for a willing dancing partner. I'm proposing to be that partner."

Kenney said Jean could certainly run for leadership of the new party, once it's set up.

"He's more than welcome to run for it," Kenney said.

"I'm just trying to get the ball rolling towards unity – at least on the PC side – in a spirit of servant leadership. And if the new party were to choose Brian Jean or (Vermilion-Lloydminster MLA) Richard Starkey or anybody else as the leader, I would serve them with loyalty and humility."

(Starkey was also a guest speaker during the annual general meeting.)

"I'm not even using the phrase 'unite the right' just because to some people, it implies that it's too narrow," Kenney said. "I'm proposing a big tent coalition that, frankly, includes everybody who wants to get rid of the NDP. That's how they put together the Saskatchewan Party."

"One of the reasons I think I'm the right guy to get this started is because I think most of them have confidence in me as a principled conservative. They can look at my record in Ottawa, at the taxpayers federation. They know I believe in conservative values," Kenney said.

"And that's what they've been looking for, is a prin-

ciple conservative party that's also committed to democratic reform. So I hear them."

"I respect both parties. I say let's bury the hatchet; let's focus on what unites us, not what divides us," he added.

Kenney expressed disappointment with rules enacted by PC officials for the leadership convention, which takes place in Calgary next March.

Under those rules, five of the 15 delegates elected from each riding must be members of the local constituency association board.

At least one of Kenney's supporters has said those rules reflect an apparent bias against Kenney. It's suggested party officials tend to be against joining a coalition with the Wildrose Party.

"I think it's unfortunate the PC board has chosen to make half the delegates super delegates – ex officio people. I think they've created two tiers of members – some with titles and some that don't," Kenney said.

"I think all members should have the same weight in choosing their next leader. It should be an open, democratic, grassroots process. There shouldn't be special status for people with entitlement in the party."

Kenney was asked if he can make that happen.

"We'll see; stay tuned," he said with a smile.

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Colts win in season opener



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Mountainview Colts player Evan Ingram battles at the net during the Colts home opener game against the Red Deer Vipers at the Didsbury Memorial Arena on Sept. 16. The Colts won the game 5 to 3.

BY CRAIG LINDSAY
MVP Staff

The Mountainview Colts finally got to see admire their banner Friday celebrating the 2015-16 Heritage League championship season.

League president Gilbert Renaud was on hand at the game and made the presentation of the 2016 championship trophy to Colts captain Cole Sutherland.

All the Colts from this year were announced before the presentation. Also in attendance were graduated players from last year Dennis Lawrence and Clinton Armitage.

"To have the presentation gave us a sense of accomplishment for sure," said Colts assistant coach Michael Galye.

"I know the boys were really excited about it. To have the acknowledgment of what was accomplished last year. All the hard work and all the practices and time and energy put into it — it was

a huge accomplishment and sense of gratification."

Topping off the presentation was a nice 5-3 home win over Red Deer in the season opener. The Colts special teams helped secure the win with the Colts scoring three of their goals on the power play out of five chances, and stopping all seven of Red Deer's power-play opportunities.

"(Winning the game) was the icing on the cake," he said. "To start our home opener with the presentation set the bar up high to perform well in front of the home crowd and I think we delivered. We felt we played strong and dominated the pace of the game. We got pucks on net. We did all the things we talked about in our pre-game talk."

Mountainview's Colton Anderson opened up scoring at 11:26 of the first period with a power-play goal assisted by Tyson Schmidt and Josh Gette.

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Volleyball girls host Alberta's best

BY CRAIG LINDSAY
MVP Staff

The Didsbury Dragons varsity girls volleyball team is in action this weekend with their home tournament, which features 16 teams. Although the Dragons team lacks experience, the tournament won't be lacking top teams.

"It's going to be a good weekend of volleyball," said coach Ian Bates. "We've got eight of the top 10 2A girls teams coming."

Bates said this year's Dragons won't be overly competitive but he said it'll be a great experience for the girls watching the strong teams play.

"We lost a lot of players from last

year," he said. "We probably won't do that well in this tournament but it's great to see the level of competition that we can get to hopefully by the end of the year. A lot of these teams have been together since the start of August and most have club players that played all winter. It'll be tough but it's great exposure."

The top teams at the tournament include Vauxhall, Rundle College (Calgary), Vegreville and Strathcona-Tweedsmuir from Okotoks. Action starts Friday at 3 p.m. with round-robin games in both Didsbury and Carstairs. On Saturday the championship round goes in Carstairs, while the consolation action will be in Didsbury.

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Mitch Morrison of Red Deer tied the score shortly after. Evan Ingram of the Colts then put Mountainview up 2-1 scoring from the side of the net on a rebound.

Red Deer tied the score 2-2 with a goal from Justin Van Tetering. Ryan Klinck then

scored twice in a row to put the Colts up 4-2 after two periods.

Brody Kalinowski brought the Vipers to within one early in the third assisted by Morrison. A power-play goal from Austin Pederson of the Colts gave the home team a nice insurance marker and the Colts held on for the 5-3 win.

Thomas Della Siega got the win in goal for the Colts turning back 32 of 35 shots.

The Colts are back in action Friday with a road game at Stettler. The Colts then return to Didsbury Saturday for a home game against Airdrie at the recreation complex with an 8 p.m. start.


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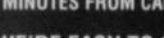


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PCs who reject Kenney refuse to face party's problems

BY BARRY COOPER

Jason Kenney's entrance in the Alberta Progressive Conservative leadership race highlights the difference between a political faction and a political party.

Too often forgotten are the significant differences between factions and parties.

Factions keep things quiet and rule with plenty of winks and nods. In the essay *Federalist No. 10* (1787), James Madison famously described factions as citizens' "adverse to the rights of other citizens or to the permanent and aggregate interests of the community." Those interests, he said, could be made explicit by arguments of principle but factions seldom made them.

Unlike factions, parties act on principle. They act on different principles, to be sure, but members of factions seek only to satisfy their personal ambitions and desires – usually money and power. Competition, accordingly, is between or among parties. There can be no competition between a faction and a party.

This distinction, which stems from a time when parties first saw the light of day, remains valid. The proof of its validity was evident in the outcome of the 2015 provincial election when a large and principle-free faction, comprised of the PCs and the Wildrose floor-crossers, were crushed by Alberta's New Democrats. That, as Kenney has often said, is what makes the NDP an "accidental government."

Since then, it is fair to say that neither the Wildrose nor the PCs have been successful in articulating a respectable principle upon which non-socialists might agree. This is Kenney's great opportunity.

Because partisan contentions are over principles, they are more than mere preferences. People with different preferences (rare or medium-rare?) are usually indifferent towards others' preferences. Parties, however, want to prevail, to rule and to ensure that their rules are obeyed, even by their opponents. The NDP is not stupid and understands this very well.

This is why, fearing a successful Kenney leadership bid, the NDP government is trying to make it more difficult. They proposed changes to party finance rules, which they justified as "getting money out of politics."

Kenney's overriding principle is clear: "The Progressive Conservative and Wildrose parties must put Alberta first." This means "moving beyond those bruised egos" in the two parties and creating "a broad, tolerant, diverse, free-enterprise coalition."

The interesting question now is whether the bruised egos of the PC remnant will embrace conservative principles. The signs are mixed.

Thomas Lukaszuk sat in the PC cabinets of both Ed Stelmach and Alison Redford. He is the incarnation of just about everything wrong with the old PCs, and he wants Kenney barred from running.

Sandra Jansen, a sitting PC MLA, said that Kenney "is clearly intent of dismantling the party," by which she means the old PC faction. This is clearly true.

For Lukaszuk, Jansen, and a few senior PC party officials who seem to be as afraid of Kenney as is the NDP, what Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord said of the restored Bourbons of the French Revolution clearly applies: they have learned nothing and forgotten nothing.

In the spring 2015 provincial election, the discredited PCs abandoned any connection to respectable principles and turned themselves into a faction. That in turn gave us the NDP.

The hostility those same PCs now show toward Kenney puts them in the same position.

Barry Cooper is a professor of political science at the University of Calgary.



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Letters

Opposed to the boulevard

To our honourable mayor and council:

I am very disappointed in the decision made by council to put a boulevard on 20th Avenue. I believe all the upgrades to essential utilities are very important. However, how did this boulevard get approved so quickly? Did no one think about the winter maintenance and the parking which we have a lack of already? I believe you need more input before you go ahead on ideas.

I agree that utilities on a main artery to our uptown area are important. I assumed the boulevard was someone's dream idea that went to first reading, and then published, to be given to the community for feedback. How did it get approved? Did the council go to second and third reading in one meeting and railroad it through?

I believe that a boulevard will be a huge disadvantage. It is not a benefit to our community when it is on the main road to our uptown business area and heart of our community. I previously lived in a community where there was a street with a boulevard. Luckily, it was not a main road into the community and it looked lovely in the fall, when the leaves were turning colour.

However, in the winter there was always an issue with snow! There was nowhere to put the snow. It ended up banked in between trees and the remainder was hauled away. The snow between the trees caused visibility problems all winter. The snow removal caused one lane or the other to be shut down until it was completed. During chinook weather and in the spring when the piles of snow melted, the street was always icy and often even the sidewalks were either blocked or very dangerous for walking due to snow and ice.

In summer the town always had to trim trees so that large vehicles could get through. Even though it was a tourist town, vehicles such as motorhomes and delivery trucks had trouble getting through. A boulevard-style street will not work at all on our one main road that goes to our uptown area and businesses. Is that what we want to have people experience when they come to our town?

The town already has issues with not enough parking. Luckily at this time people are able to park on the street. Our town doesn't have excess areas for parking. Each business has to deal with how much they can plan or expand due to parking in our little community already. In the future if our traffic gets heavy enough on 20th Avenue to warrant two lanes then there will have to be arrangements for additional parking all along the avenue.

Putting two lanes squished between a boulevard is not a beneficial decision. I am tired of hearing the results of decisions made before input from our community. However, if you want to spend the money, spend it on signage that is welcoming and directional. Direct people to our centre of town. One could be before the turnoff at Highway 582 to make that transition clearer and another on Highway 582 just west of the tracks to invite people in on 21st Street directly to our business area in uptown Didsbury. I think you need to back up and ask your community for input before you make decisions. Stop this boulevard before it gets started. You still have time. Don't make a mistake again like the multi-million dollar debt at the north side of town.

Melody Knutson
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Down payment help may be available, 2 fully finished levels with a total of over 1800 sq ft, 9' and 10' ceilings, large windows, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths

\$179,900

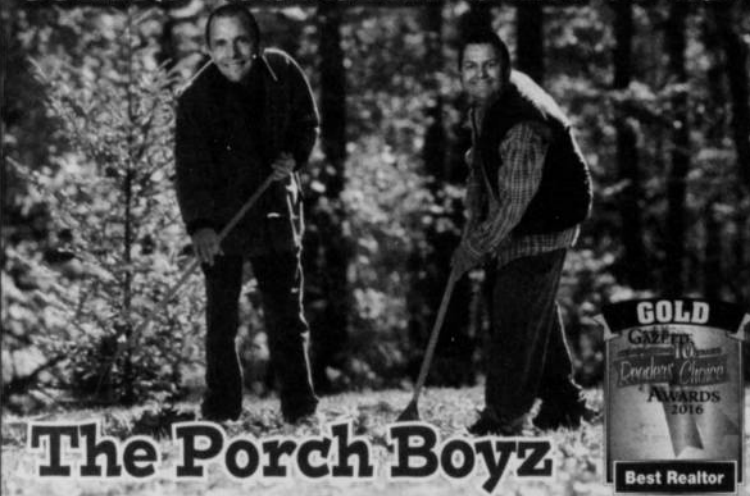
46 Westheights Drive



1352 sq ft home backing onto the golf course, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 3 baths, main floor family room with fireplace, vaulted ceiling, large fenced yard, single detached garage

\$279,900

Selling real estate comes "autumn-atic" to us!



The Porch Boyz



1719 - 17 Street



Beautiful villa in College Green, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, central air conditioning, high end laminate flooring, newer basement development, reasonable HOA fees

\$239,900

1525 Mary Place



A yard full of trees, bushes and raspberries, open floor plan, beautiful hardwood floor, pebble floor in family room, wood stove, 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms

\$399,000

5 Valarosa Point



Beautiful new home, 1441 sq ft bi-level, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood and tile, 9' ceilings, awesome ensuite bath, large rear deck, backs onto greenspace/track with open view

\$359,900

5214 - 44 Street, Olds



3 + 1 bedroom family home, 2 baths, original hardwood floors, upgraded bedrooms, new basement stairs, large yard, single detached garage, centrally located

\$268,900

25 Park Place



Very all cared for half duplex 3 bedrooms 1 1/2 bathrooms some new flooring, open floor plan, on demand hot water, in-floor heat, huge fenced back yard

\$209,900

119 Southridge Crescent



3 + 1 bedrooms, recent upgrades, laminate and fireplace in living room, basement developed, double detached garage in back, beautifully landscaped

\$247,900

19 Westheights Drive



1288 sq ft bi-level with walk-up basement, newly renovated kitchen, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, fireplace, backs onto park, double detached garage, great location

\$289,900

17 Valarosa Way



Brand new 1295 sq ft bungalow, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, hardwood, tile, open plan, 9' basement, double attached garage

\$354,500

233 Valarosa Place



Nice home in a great location, 2 bedrooms, laminate flooring, nice open plan, private back yard, backs onto trees, great start on basement, development, room for a garage

\$244,900

To Be Moved



1975 single wide mobile with large addition to be moved, 4 bedrooms, 1494 sq ft total, family/t.x. room.

\$16,900

2027 - 19 Avenue



Local Coin Laundry Business! opportunity to run your own business and own the building too, great potential, ready for a new owner

\$100,000 +GST

1503 - 14 Street



Large bi-level home with spacious 2 bedroom basement suite, hardwood on main, 2 wood burning stoves, jetted tub, beautiful large yard, good return on suite, oversized double garage

\$384,900